

Augustow. Since the collapse of their campaign against Tilsit and northern East Prussia, the attacks upon the German positions in the Augustow lake region have been growing more feeble.

### Every German Company In Poland Is Equipped With Liquid Fire Guns

WARSAW, March 28.—Every German infantry company in Poland is being supplied with the new "liquid fire" guns as rapidly as possible, according to reports brought here by Russian officers on leave of absence.

"It is a most devilish device," said a Russian officer, "it looks like a copper bucket, and is swung over the shoulder like a knapsack. A hose is attached. When we charge the Germans wait until we get twenty yards from their lines, and then they start pouring flaming liquid at us. The charge last Monday night twenty of our men were burned alive. We drove the Germans from their trench on Tuesday and recovered the bodies. The flesh from the waist up had been burned off the bones."

Warm weather is increasing the horrors along the battlefield, according to stories brought here by the Russian Red Cross workers. Along the Baura river, west of Warsaw, thousands of corpses lie rotting between the opposing lines, within twenty yards of the living. These are the bodies of the soldiers crushed in General Mackensen's drive against the Russian positions in January.

Advances report that the entire countryside between Skierniewice and Lodz is a great field of fire trenches. Troops on both sides are taking advantage of the recent lull in operations to entrench themselves strongly in anticipation of the spring fighting. The Germans have brought up supplies of light artillery and machine guns. German prisoners report that there are now three machine guns to every 200 Germans.

BUDAPEST (via Berlin wireless), March 28.—The entire Russian army that marched against Bukowina is now in full retreat, according to dispatches received here.

The Russian right wing has fallen back across the Dniester river. The main body has been driven across the Russian frontier. Thousands of air pressing close upon its rear guard.

### ITALY'S ENTRANCE HINGES ON BATTLE

LONDON, March 28.—On the outcome of the great battle now being waged in the Carpathians hinges Italy's immediate entrance into the European war on the side of the allies, according to reports from authoritative sources.

Italy is ready to strike. Reports from shipping centers all over the world indicate that fleets of Italian battleships are pouring back to their native land, despite denials from Italian officials that they have been recalled.

From private sources comes the information that official Rome is watching for news from the Lupaew pass in more eager interest than for Vienna. A crushing defeat for the Austro-Germans may send an Italian army tumbling over the Austrian borders to seize Istria and Trent, while the Russians advance into Hungary. On the other hand, a staggering blow for the Russians may mean further weary negotiations with Franz Josef in the hope that the aged Austrian ruler may yet yield to growing terrors at home.

The censorship is growing tighter at home. Not only has an absolute ban been put on all messages concerning military movements, but excitable comments of a portion of the Italian press are being denied the wires. This very fact convinces diplomatic circles here that important moves are being made behind the censorship veil at the Italian capital.

Berlin newspapers received here also bear evidence that the Austro-Italian situation has reached a most critical stage. Apparently at the suggestion of the government, the German press has refrained almost entirely in the last few days from discussing the situation at Rome.

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair, warmer tonight; temperature above freezing. Monday (fair); gentle to moderate southwest winds.

Maryland—Generally fair tonight and Monday; warmer tonight in western and southern portions; gentle to moderate southwest winds; mostly southwest and west.

Virginia—Fair, warmer tonight; Monday (fair); gentle to moderate shifting winds.

Eastern Pennsylvania—Unsettled to night and Monday; probable snow or rain; warmer tonight in northern portion; colder Monday in central and southern portions; moderate southwest to west winds.

New Jersey—Probably rain late tonight or on Monday; warmer tonight; colder Monday in central and southern portions; moderate southwest to west winds.

Delaware—Fair tonight and Monday; moderate southwest to west winds.

Western Pennsylvania—Unsettled to night and Monday; probable snow or rain; warmer tonight; colder Monday; moderate southwest to northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.  
The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and at other places:

U. S. BUREAU: AFFLECK'S  
8 a. m. 30 8 a. m. 40  
9 a. m. 27 9 a. m. 41  
10 a. m. 27 10 a. m. 43  
11 a. m. 43 11 a. m. 43  
12 noon 43 12 noon 43

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide, 5:41 a. m. and 6:04 p. m.  
Low tide, 12:13 a. m. and 12:13 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises, 5:51 | Sun sets, 6:29

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### EITEL AWAITS THICK WEATHER FOR DASH

German Sea Raider, in Fine Shape, Expected to Show Four Knots Faster.

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Captain Thierchen intimated that he intended making a dash for the sea at the first opportunity. At Fort Monroe and Fort Wool, last night was simply a repetition of the preceding night. The guns were held at their stations with the big guns cleared for action while searchlights made the surrounding waters almost as light as day. In addition, the bright moonlight made it possible to observe all movements of vessels and this is believed to be the real reason why Commander Thierchen did not start out last night or the night before.

Awaits Thick Weather.

It is believed that he is only waiting for thick weather. The vessel today is at her dock and no one is allowed to go aboard. Everything apparently is in readiness for leaving. Indications are that whatever orders have been issued to Colonel Haynes, commandant at Fort Monroe, will be carried out in co-operation with Admiral Beatty, of the Portsmouth navy yard. The commandants of the two stations have held numerous conferences during the past few days, it is said, and it is evident that they will work together in whatever course is taken.

### Alabama Is Almost Ready for Rush to Protect Neutrality

Rear Admiral James M. Helm, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic reserve fleet, notified the Navy Department today that the Alabama would sail in a few hours from Philadelphia for Hampton Roads to guard American neutrality if the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich attempts to put out to sea.

Orders were sent by the Navy Department today to Rear Admiral Helm to keep the Alabama ready to sail at midnight, when he was ordered to prepare the flagship for sailing. Although officials would not discuss these orders, it is understood that the Alabama will have instructions to grant protection to the Eitel from attacks by British ships while within the territorial waters of the United States.

Although officials approved the steps taken by the department in sending the Alabama to supplement the submarines and destroyers now on duty at Hampton Roads, the belief persisted that the captain of the Eitel will not attempt to run the gauntlet of British vessels lying in wait.

The sending of the Alabama was taken as an indication that the Government was prepared to bring the Eitel incident to a head by the use of force, if necessary.

The dispatch of the Alabama gives proof that the United States Government accepts the view and is prepared to give full protection to the German vessel if it leaves port.

The delay in getting the Alabama ready to sail, reports to the Navy Department declares, was due to the fact that the vessel had only a skeleton crew and was compelled to gather in men on shore leave before it could be made ready to go. Its departure before night is expected.

### Redfield Aids Clerk Whose Car Hit Woman

Dr. George C. Havenner, chief clerk of the Department of Commerce, was rescued from the coils of the law by the Secretary of Commerce Redfield, last night.

Dr. Havenner was held up by a crossing policeman McNamara on a charge of colliding with and not having sufficient funds with him for collateral, he called Secretary Redfield to his assistance.

The Secretary made the necessary deposit at the Tenth precinct station, which is near his home, and the fact was communicated to No. 5, where the department chief clerk was held.

Dr. Havenner was driving his automobile along B street near the House office building last night when the machine struck Mrs. Della Campbell, of 225 B street southeast. She was not seriously hurt.

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### METHODIST CLERGY HOLDS "LOVE FEAST"

Twenty-five Ministers and Laymen Testify to Joy Their Religion Has Brought Them.

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It was a "love feast," suggestive of ante-bellum days that marked the session of the Baltimore Conference of Southern Methodists at the Mt. Vernon Place Church today, this service being held at their stations with the big guns cleared for action while searchlights made the surrounding waters almost as light as day. In addition, the bright moonlight made it possible to observe all movements of vessels and this is believed to be the real reason why Commander Thierchen did not start out last night or the night before.

Twenty-five ministers and laymen, most of them in their declining years, rose during the course of the "love feast" and testified to the joy their religion had brought them. Many of them spoke with tears of love and gratitude, mentioning the wrinkle on their faces and the wetness of their eyes as they listened to stories of trial of forty and fifty years ago.

Between the testimonies the congregational hymns as "Oh, How Sweet It Will Be That Beautiful Land," "We're Going Home to Die No More," "How Firm a Foundation," "I'll Soon Be at Home Over There," and

"I'd rather be the least of those Than serve the Lord alone Than wear a royal diadem And sit upon a throne."

"I am now in my fiftieth year as a Methodist minister," said Bishop Hoos, "and I have always said that when I had finished a half century in this service I will feel I have grown up. The emotion that I feel this morning is now one of gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness to me. The blessed thing about the 'Christian Religion' is that it is new every morning and fresh every evening."

The "love feast" concluded at 10:30 and the church service proper began immediately. The sermon being preached by Bishop Warren A. Candler. Immediately after the sermon five deacons were ordained. These were: E. N. Hall, of Linden, Va.; Walter S. Thomas, of Crab Bottom, Va.; Walter S. Nicholson, of Front Royal, Va.; Ernest W. Aaron, of Shenandoah Junction, Va.; and Thomas Morison, of Selma, Va.

Bishop Candler's text: from the scriptures where Christ fed the five thousand and a short time later walked upon the Sea of Galilee and stilled the tempest. Referring to the multitude which had been fed, the bishop said:

"Too many people today make the mistake that the multitude which was fed by Christ is a thing of the past. They want to use Christ instead of worship Him. There are a lot of folks who want to make Christ a chief of police because they know He would have power to keep things in order."

"But the Master will not be used. Any man who thinks more of the blessing than he does of the blessing will not get into the kingdom," the bishop began to discuss who would have first place in the new kingdom, and they were inclined to sympathize with the multitude that wanted to crown Christ king. The bishop said:

"To teach them a lesson He allowed them to get into a ship and then sent the storm upon them. He knew they could be taught by the storm, which was less dangerous than the temptation ashore. Oh, it is better to be on the storm with God than to be on the shore and depend on anything less."

Allowed to Go Too Far.  
"And then, not till the storm was at its height did He go to them. It is always so. The hour of sharpest exigency is the hour of surest deliverance. Some people think God's power is gone because He lets things go so far, but that is just the time you may look for Him."

He let them put Peter in jail and put the shackles on his limbs before delivering him. He didn't keep the Babylonian King from putting Daniel in the den of lions, but He was not behind a minute when it came to closing the lions' mouths. Our Lord is never behind time when it comes to delivering those who are standing for Him."

The ordination of seven elders will take place at the evening service, at which the Rev. Dr. Gross Alexander will preach. Tomorrow morning the annual memorial service will be held in honor of members who have died during the last year, and the last session of the conference will begin tomorrow at 2 o'clock. The list of pulpits appointments for the Southern year will be announced by Bishop Candler at the final session.

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### F-4 RAISED AGAIN; NO HOPE FOR CREW

Rescuers Expect to See Periscope Rise Above Surface at Any Moment.

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The F-4's three compartments had burst. It is believed that the bodies of most of the crew will be found in the forward compartment, the smallest and strongest of the three.

Relatives of the crew residing here refuse to abandon hope and plead with naval officers to hasten the raising of the craft.

Many of the officers are of the opinion that the F-4 craft is now at least half full of water, and every delay in raising it will add to the difficulty of the work.

The report that a battery explosion aboard the F-4 on March 27 was one of the causes of the present disaster receives no credence from the officers now engaged in trying to bring the vessel to the surface.

Rear Admiral Charles B. T. Moore made it clear that the battery explosion referred to was of slight importance, and that it could not in any way have affected the vessel's efficiency.

Of Minor Importance.  
"As a matter of fact," said Rear Admiral Moore, "the reported explosion aboard the F-4 was of such minor importance that it was not even officially reported. If it had been serious enough to cause the vessel to sink, it is more than likely that it would have killed some one of the crew."

Informing, and it is certain that the accident which occasioned his injury could in no way have halted the efficiency of the F-4. It has no ability to connect ever with the present accident, of which I am convinced."

Up to the time that the chains slipped from a sunken submarine the work of raising her had progressed in a most encouraging manner, which but added to the disappointment of officers in charge at the last minute failure of their efforts.

Quickly Got to Work.  
The dredger California, which was dispatched from the Pearl Harbor naval station in response to a radiogram, reached the scene at midnight, and, as the moon was shining brightly and the weather was remarkably clear, quickly got into readiness for the work at hand, and was well advanced in it by the break of day.

The dredger worked with the Alert, the mother ship of the flotilla, and every detail of the scheme evolved for raising the submarine worked out with mathematical precision and made those in charge confident that the submarine would be brought to the surface in the early afternoon or by evening at the latest. Not a motion was lost in the work, for everyone engaged realized that the lives of the men below might depend upon their efforts.

Dredger Lifts Submarine.  
Chains have been placed under the bow and stern of the F-4 and the dredger sunk further into the water so that the chains might be tightened upon the luckless craft. Finally, late in the afternoon, all of the water was pumped out of the dredger so that she rose high in the water and drew the F-4 to the surface.

The Army Department Hospital had been put in readiness to receive any survivors and a complete arrangement of craft for their transportation to the shore was added to a system of vehicle transportation on land, so that not a moment would be lost. The coming of the day's work inside of fifteen minutes.

It was found that the marker buoy found near the submarine was not the marker buoy used as a signal by the F-4. It had no connection with the F-4.

Slow Progress Made.  
Extremely slow progress was made yesterday owing to the great depth of the water in which the submarine rests. After having carefully tested the cables, the vessel was raised fifty feet, but slipped back eight feet. This caused a quick sag in one of the cables, resulting in the snapping of a cable.

From a position high in the air, Aviator Bradshaw was able to give the naval officers considerable assistance in establishing the exact position of the sunken submarine. Circling in a hydroplane over the spot where rested the

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vesel, he was able to look down through the clear waters of the harbor and determine in which direction her stern and stern were pointing.

Divers were sent down repeatedly, but the object to which cables are attached, believed to be the submarine, was still too far below the surface to be reached.

Divers Almost Unconscious.  
The divers were brought up almost unconscious when they reached the point of unbearable pressure, 230 feet beneath the surface.

At the prospect of learning whether the crew was dead or alive increased the greatest excitement and anxiety prevailed at the naval station.

Several theories have been advanced to explain the submarine's disappearance and long stay beneath the water. One recently advanced theory was that the enormous water pressure 230 feet down would have crushed in her sides like an egg shell, naval experts declared. It was also feared that the vessel experienced trouble with her machinery or suffered another explosion.

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